

What is claimed is:

1. An occupant leg protection system arranged below a steering column of a vehicle, comprising:

an airbag;

5 a casing attached to the vehicle for housing the airbag and having a recessed section at a backside thereof so that the recessed section can accommodate the steering column when pushed; and

10 a gas generator attached to the casing for inflating the airbag.

2. An occupant leg protection system according to claim 1, wherein said gas generator is attached to the casing at a position other than the recessed section.

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3. An occupant leg protection system according to claim 2, wherein said casing includes a first storage section and a second storage section with the recessed section in between so that the gas generator and one part of the airbag are stored in the first 20 storage section and the other part of the airbag is stored in the second storage section.

4. An occupant leg protection system according to claim 3, wherein a rear part of the airbag is fixed to recessed section.

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5. An occupant leg protection system arranged below a steering column of a vehicle, comprising:

an airbag;

a casing attached to the vehicle for housing the airbag; and

a gas generator attached to the casing for inflating the airbag at a location away from a position facing the steering column.

5 6. An occupant leg protection system according to claim 5,
wherein said gas generator extends from a back surface of the
casing away from the steering column.